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SUBJECT FUTURE ROLE OF THE INTER-AMERICAN NUCLEAR
ENERGY COMMISSION (IANEC)

REF: A) STATE 134808, B) LIMA 5575

1. ECON OFF CALLED ON GENERAL JUAN BARREDA, PRESIDENT OF PERU'S
NUCLEAR ENERGY INSTITUTE (IPEN), JULY 6 TO DISCUSS GOP'S VIEW
ON IANEC AND UPCOMING COMMISSION MEETING IN LIMA.

2. WITH RESPECT TO QUESTIONS POSED PARA 4 REF A, BARREDA
INDICATED:

A. GOP IS INTERESTED IN A PROGRAM OF INTER-AMERICAN
COOPERATION IN NUCLEAR ENERGY. THIS COINCIDES WITH
PERU'S SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMS OF "HORIZONTAL COOPERATION"
IN VARIOUS FIELDS. UNTIL NOW PERU HAD BEEN INVOLVED
ONLY IN BILATERAL COOPERATIVE PROGAMS (HE SPECIFICALLY
MENTIONED ARGENTINA) AND EFFORTS WITHIN IANEC
HAD BEEN LIMITED PRIMARILY TO SEEKING A "COMMON
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DENOMINATOR" AMONG MEMBERS.

B. GOP IS INTERESTED IN USING IANEC AS A VEHICLE FOR
COOPERATION, DESPITE FACT THAT ORGANIZATION UNTIL
NOW HAS NOT BEEN VERY EFFECTIVE. IANEC COULD
COMPLEMENT WORK OF IAEA ON REGIONAL LEVEL.

C. GOP WOULD SUPPORT APPROVAL OF \$400,000 APPROPRIATION FROM OAS REGULAR BUDGET SINCE ONE OF IANEC'S PROBLEMS HAS BEEN ITS LIMITED FUNDING.

D. BARREDA WILL HEAD PERUS DELEGATION TO IANEC MEETING BUT FINAL DELEGATION LIST HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED.

3. BARREDA MADE SPECIAL POINT THAT HE VIEWS LIMA MEETING AS GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO STRENGTHEN TIES WITH US IN NUCLEAR ENERGY FIELD, BOTH ON BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL BASIS. HE ASKED TO MEET SEPARATELY (I.E. OUTSIDE OF CONFERENCE FRAMEWORK) WITH HEAD OF US DEL. ECON OFF SAID HE WOULD INFORM US DEL OF BARREDA'S REQUEST.

4. COMMENT: TO EXTENT PERU'S INFANT NUCLEAR ENERGY PROGRAM CAN BENEFIT FROM IANEC ACTIVITIES, THE GOP WILL GIVE COMMISSION MODERATE SUPPORT. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE PERU WILL CONTINUE TO PLACE MORE EMPHASIS ON BILATERAL RELATIONS

IN DEVELOPING ITS NUCLEAR ENERGY CAPABILITIES.
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